

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ellen Plotkin on 11-2-09.

The application has been amended as follows: claims 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16 have been cancelled.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the reference to Allain et al. disclose a process of making dried banana flakes made from ripe cooked bananas (PME-deactivated first portion), and ripe bananas (raw) (PME containing bananas). The reference to Allain et al. does not recognize that the product can be used for thickening a liquid as in claim 17 by incorporating the dried fruit mixture into a product to be thickened.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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